GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SEEDS DEVELOPED BY CENTRAL POTATO RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Potato Research Institute has developed improved variety of potato seeds;

(b) if so, the number of varieties developed alongwith their production rate, so far;

(c) whether the Government have made any arrangements to provide these seeds to growers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantum of above said seeds to be provided to the farmers annually in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Institute has developed 36 varieties of which 17 are under commercial cultivation. Their production rate varies from 25 to 40 t/ha depending on varieties and the agro-climatic situation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Institute supplies potato breeder seed to the State Department of Agriculture/Horticulture annually for further multiplication as foundation and certified grade for distribution to the growers.

(e) Annually, over 6000 tonnes of certified seed is distributed to the farmers in the country.